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Merry Christmas!
From
Tallil Air Base



Around Tallil Air Base

This week marks the beginning of the holiday season. Even though we may be far away from home, we are all still surrounded by people who care about us. This is a good time to reach out to your friends and co-workers and let them know how much their support has helped during your deployment.

Years from now, the memories of your time spent here at Tallil will hopefully reflect the positive aspects of meeting interesting people and performing an important mission.

While we can't always be home to spend the holidays with our loved ones, it's important to remember what we're doing today is helping keep people around the world safe not just during this holiday season — but every single day.

One group of people helping keep Tallil safe every single day are our Civil Engineers and Security Forces. A group of people from those units were recognized as our "Sharp Saber" team award winners for November.

The Force Protection Enhancement Team is a highly

cooperative team combining a unique blend of skills from ESFS and ECES and includes physical security engineering, structures and heavy equipment personnel — optimized to enhance force protection for Tallil Air Base by providing significant physical security enhancement around the installation.

The 20 men and women selected to receive this award represent some of the best qualities of all the Airmen deployed here to Tallil. Thanks to their hard work and effort, we can all sleep a bit safer in our tents tonight.

Safety is an important aspect of our mission here. However, many people forget their good safety habits once they return home. Too many of us mistakenly believe that once we're home, we're safe from harm.

One of the most disturbing numbers regarding the health of our deployed personnel is the amount of serious injuries and deaths immediately following the redeployment of personnel to back to their home station.

Surviving your deployment to Iraq doesn't confer any type of Superman powers. You need to continue wearing your safety belts and practicing good risk management back home, just like you do here. Think safety, be safe.



Tallil Talks ...

What have you planned to do for celebrating Christmas this year at Tallil?



Staff Sgt.
Adam Ginett,
407th ECES:

"Probably just working a regular shift -- but I'll make sure to call my family back home."



Lt. Col.
Erik Nelson
407th EMDG:

"Mountain biking around Tallil and exchanging gifts with my friends."



Capt.
Eric Schomburg,
407th ECS:

"I'll be out doing squadron PT, chatting on the AF Portal and topping off my day by eating crab legs at the DFAC."



Tech. Sgt.
Charles-Martin Ikari,
407th AEG Group Staff:

"I'll be working with the Services Squadron to put on the best holiday festivities Tallil has ever seen!"



The Tallil Times

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IN BRIEF

Phone Numbers Change

The 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron has completed the transitioning to a new commercial telephone switch for all Air Force-supported phones (anyone with a number using a 459 exchange). As a result, the following changes are now in effect:

- Dialing prefix will change from 459 to 445
- The telephone number extension will begin with a 2 instead of a 0, add 2000 to all extensions. (Example: if your current number is 459-0200, it will change to 445-2200).

An updated telephone book will be posted to the Tallil intranet. This phone book will also be provided to CENTAF ACCC so that personnel outside of Tallil can access the phone book from a dedicated web page. The 407 ECS will also update the Global Access Listing to reflect the new telephone numbers and can be used by personnel to validate numbers assigned. Tallil personnel notify all outside agencies of the scheduled telephone number changes.

Off-Duty Education

The Learning Skills Center here at Tallil Air Base offers CLEP, DANTES, Excelsior, CDC, ACSC, SOS, Air War College Testing and other off-duty education opportunities. Their office is located in Bldg I-1, the brown Conex across from the Cyber Café & Library. Hours of Operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call at 445-2212.

Reflective Belts

Air Force personnel assigned to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group must wear their reflective belts when outside Tent City during hours of darkness or reduced visibility. This includes uniforms, PT gear or civilian dress. Personnel who need reflective belts should contact their unit's supply representative.

Letterman visits Tallil AB

By Master Sgt. Don Perrien

407th AEG Public Affairs

"Camel: It tastes like chicken."

Last year that was the number two reason David Letterman gave as a sign that you've spent too much time in Iraq.

This year, he'll have a chance to come up with some new additions to his nightly Top 10 list as he visits Tallil Air Base today as part of a holiday tour of the region.

Mr. Letterman is scheduled to appear at the Army's House of Pain gym on Main Street from 1 to 3 p.m. to film his show and host an autograph session for deployed personnel.

This Christmas Eve visit has become an annual pilgrimage for the talk show host. Last year he visited wounded troops in a Baghdad hospital and in 2002 he spent the holidays in Afghanistan with personnel deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Courtesy Photo
Late night talk show host David Letterman is slated to visit Tallil Air Base today. The visit marks the third straight year Mr. Letterman has spent the holiday season visiting deployed troops.

Holiday greetings from CENTCOM commander



December 15, 2004

The holiday season is a time of good will and giving. This holiday season also marks the beginning of a new Iraq.

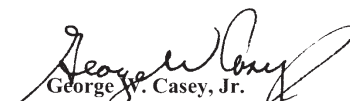
It has been a momentous year. You have all given much. I am proud of your achievements and humbled by your sacrifices. They will not be forgotten by your fellow countrymen, a grateful Iraq, and those everywhere who value freedom.

In the spirit of the season, we give to make the lives of others, less fortunate, better. Your gift is your selfless service. Your service has not only meant liberty and hope for the Iraqi people; it has brought them everyday necessities such as electricity, clean water, new schools, and good health care.

The holiday season is also a time to consider the gift of a new year. The year ahead will be decisive. In the coming weeks, those who hate freedom will do their best to stop it. Because of the efforts of our Iraqi allies and the coalition, they will not succeed, and we will witness history: the birth of a new democracy in Iraq.

To each and every one of you in our coalition, I thank you for the difference you are making. I am proud to serve with you on this historic mission, and I wish you a happy holiday season, and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Sincerely,


George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army

CENTAF/CC sends holiday message

By Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan

U.S. CENTAF Commander

Fellow CENTAF warriors, most of you will celebrate this year's holiday season far from family and friends while engaging in difficult duty that places you in harm's way.

Although you may be physically separated from your loved ones, know that you are in their thoughts and prayers...and they in yours.

As we celebrate this year's holiday season across the theater from Afghanistan and Iraq to the Horn of Africa, each of you is part of a coalition of diverse nations dedicated to helping others pursue freedom and opportunity.

Today, Afghanistan has a democratically elected government for the only time in its two-millennium history. The citizens of Iraq are poised to elect its first truly democratic

government in nearly 40 years. Together, we are making steady progress against the destructive forces of terrorism and helping free people pursue new paths for success.

Every one of you has a mission and every one of you is important. Your selfless service shows in each collective accomplishment.

There is an Airman, Soldier, or Marine somewhere tonight whose life was made safer or better by your actions. Know that and that you are making a difference. During your time in theater, you will also gain experience and forge friendships to last a lifetime.

This year, I am proud to know you are on the team, and of what you contribute. Thanks for the privilege of serving with you. May each of you and your loved ones at home enjoy the promise of a safer and better New Year.

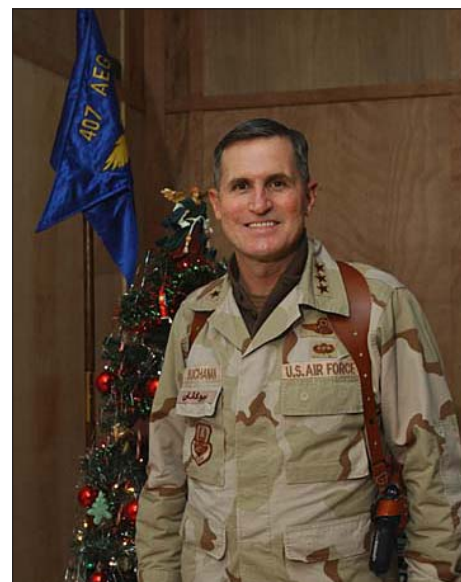


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria J. Bare

Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan wishes deployed Airmen a joyous holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year.

AF leaders wish troops safe, happy holiday season

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"In this special holiday season we offer our sincere best wishes to our Air Force family — our Total Force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians, as well as your families who support your remarkable commitment to protect freedom and defend the United States.

"You are the most important part of the world's greatest air and space force — the heart and soul of our combat capability, and the bedrock of what makes this nation great.

"For those deployed, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we are enormously proud of the work you're doing.

In Afghanistan and Iraq, you

continue to fight terrorism while helping courageous people find the path to stability and self-governance.

For those of you who serve in the United States, you defend our Republic to keep Americans safe.

"At home and abroad, you give our nation priceless gifts through your service — our cherished freedoms and the opportunity to live in peace.

"This is an extraordinary time to be an American and to serve in America's Air Force.

"We thank each of you and your families for your incomparable commitment. Wherever you may be this season, we encourage you to pause and reflect on your faith, your family, and your friends.

"We're honored to serve with you. We wish each of you a happy holiday season and blessings for a prosperous new year!"



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria J. Bare

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper addresses the Airmen here at Tallil Air Base as Secretary of the Air Force during their visit here earlier this rotation. The Air Force senior leaders offer their sincere best wishes to deployed personnel during this holiday season.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the new year from your Tallil Times staff!



URMs hold key for unlocking trip back home

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Thompkins

407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

The Traffic Management Flight is working with each squadron's unit redeployment manager to get AEF 1/2 personnel scheduled on the rotator flights out of the AOR.

A really good person to know right now is your URM! We are getting with each URM individually and going over their list of squadron personnel to ensure no one gets left behind.

Once members are confirmed on a rotator flight we coordinate travel from Tallil to Qatar or Kuwait with our Logistic Plans flight.

Our Loggies are in charge of coordinating dedicated airlift with the Joint Movement Center and Air Mobility Division for groups of 30 or more to meet the rotator.

They will develop a schedule of events based off response to requested airlift which includes such information as, when and where to drop your bags, when to meet for bus transportation to the passenger terminal, and when to start pallet build up.

What it won't tell you is departure times for OPSEC reasons. The SOEs are sent to the URM who coordinates with their particular unit. Groups of 29 or less people will depart Tallil by signing up for Space A travel through their URM.

The TMF will also coordinate your commercial travel arrangements from port of entry to home station using the following criteria in order

1) Utilize the commercial travel office at Al Udeid, for those transiting Qatar

2) For those transiting Kuwait, we will issue a non-availability letter during Right Exit to self-procure directly with the airline using the government travel card

3) And only as a last resort we may advise member to contact home station TMF.

People who will be transiting through Qatar, must go to the TMF to pick up their airline ticket upon arrival because there is no e-ticket capability at that location.

For people required to make their own airline reservations, ensure you ask the reservationist for the least expensive unrestricted commercial coach fair, CITY-PAIR fair or unrestricted government rate for reimbursement purposes.

We understand that everyone is anxious to know their departure dates but calling our office only slows us down with meeting everyone travel needs. All travel requests and questions need to come through your URM, so this is definitely the person to know and stay in touch with especially as you get close to your rotator date!

Who's My URM?

Unit Redeployment Manager

NAME	UNIT	PHONE
SSgt Damour SrA Kennedy	407 AEG/EAFOSI 407 AEG/EAFOSI	445-2148 445-2075
Major Hullinger MSgt Homer	407AEG/EMDG 407AEG/EMDG	445-2009 445-2408
SMSgt Woods MSgt Weller TSgt Dickerson SSgt Hill	407AEG/ECES 407AEG/ECES 407AEG/ECEF 407AEG/ECES	445-2331 445-2083 445-2259 445-2116
SSgt Harris TSgt Landreth	407 AEG/ESFS 407 AEG/ESFS	445-2533 445-2533
MSgt Ivwurie SSgt Ikari	407AEG/CCE 407AEG/CCE	445-2311 445-2318
2nd Lt Parker SMSgt Salinas	407AEG/ESVS 407AEG/ESVS	445-2115 445-2005
TSgt Alvarez TSgt Mendez	407AEG/ECONS 407AEG/ECONS	445-2225 445-2225
SSgt Wheeler A1C Nail	407 AEG/PERSCO 407 AEG/PERSCO	445-2716 445-2716
CMSgt Ford SrA Smiga	407 AEG/ECS 407 AEG/ECS	445-2319 445-2740
MSgt Mendez SSgt Riley	407 AEG/EOSS 407 AEG/EOSS	445-2467 445-2261
2nd Lt Seay SMSgt Alexander	777 EAS/MX DEP 777 EAS/OPS	445-2129 445-2129
MSgt Burgothy SSgt Avery	407 AEG/ELRS 407 AEG/ELRS	445-2537 445-2539

Remember

You + URM = Home!

AROUND YOUR AIR FORCE

Officials close unit in France

The 774th Expeditionary Air Base Group officially closed its doors at Istres Air Base, France during a ceremony Dec. 17, ending more than a decade of U.S. and French cooperation.

Because the peacekeeping presence in the Balkans is scaling down, the group of more than 100 active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen will begin heading back to their respective units during the next few weeks, officials said.

While recent reporting on U.S.-French relations have usually stressed recent differences over the course of events in Iraq, the ceremony reflected on positive trends over two centuries.

French Gen. Daniel Bastien, commander of France's southern air region, expressed his gratitude to the Americans and said the French-American relation-

ship is still very strong.

"Even though our countries don't see eye-to-eye on every issue, we are still very close allies, and we are both committed to each other and toward the fight against terrorism around the world," he said.

During his speech, the commander of the 401st Air Expeditionary Wing, Col. Joseph Abbott, said, "The decade-long cooperation of the French and U.S. air forces at Istres ... is a proud chapter in the story of teamwork between two NATO allies."

Istres has been home to U-2 DragonLady reconnaissance aircraft from 1996 to 1999 and KC-135 Stratotankers since 1994.

Raptor crashes at Nellis

An Air Force F/A-22 Raptor crashed on takeoff from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Dec. 20. The pilot ejected successfully and

was taken to the base hospital for evaluation.

The pilot and aircraft are assigned to Nellis' 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron who fly the Raptor as part of the unit's mission.

The Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base is training pilots to fly the Raptor, and the pilots will eventually undertake developing tactics designed to take maximum advantage of the aircraft's unique capabilities.

Additionally, the Nevada Test and Training Range provides airspace, simulated threats and targets for evaluation.

The F/A-22 Raptor is slated to replace the F-15 as the Air Force's top combat fighting aircraft. Air Combat Command is slated to receive the first operationally ready Raptors at Langley AFB, Va. sometime in the next 12-18 months.

Ask Fire Marshall Bill



Bill,
I am so excited!! I finished my Christmas shopping just in time. Since every rotation gets brand new fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and air horns I took the ones from my tent and gave them as gifts. What a great idea!

— Nick, from Scott AFB

Dear Nick,
Are you related to Saint Nick? Why don't we leave the gift giving to him? The gift that really keeps on giving is a sound Fire Prevention Program. The Life Safety items located in all work and living areas are there for our protection. They are passed from one rotation to the next.

Billy,
I can't wait to see you. Thanks so much for inviting me. I hope that you will come on the show when you get back. It seems like every time I invite you, something comes up.

— Dave, from NY

Dear David,
It is great to hear from you! I am not mad at you about that whole TOP 10 thing anymore. Sometimes partnerships don't work out. I've been doing this funny bit called "Right Start." I wanted to call it TOP 10 Fire Prevention Rules, but the court order won't allow it.

Bill,
I'm a smoker and I really try to use the designated smoking areas properly. My "friends" tell me I'm not cool because I field strip my smokes instead of throwing them on the ground. They call me a sissy for taking my trash with me instead of putting it in the butt can. I am desperate to fit in. Please help me!

— John, from HQ

Dear John,
Being popular isn't always the most important issue. Dig deep and stick to your guns. Anyone who pressures you to break the rules is not a true friend. Sometimes being unpopular for the right reasons is the way to go, especially if it could save someone's life.

Dear Bill,
Well, I've only got about 3 weeks left. I appreciate all that the Fire Department did to protect me and my comrades during our stay. I don't really plan on doing much before I leave. I bet you are glad you can quit worrying about all that fire prevention stuff.

— Wade, from Oklahoma

Dear Wade,
Your service has been greatly appreciated. By now most folks have accomplished all of the goals they set when they arrived. Letting ones guard down toward the end of the tour is a very common problem. It is important to remember that the most critical part of the rotation is the transition. We cannot afford to let up for one second. In addition to passing on all of the vital information about the mission, we must also pass on good fire prevention and life safety habits.

Bill,
What's with all the Air Horns?
— Beth, from CE

Dear Beth,
Every tent and trailer in tent city should have one or more air horns. If you are unsure about how many you should have or where to put them let me know. On New Years Eve we will all meet at the BIG TOP with our horns so we can ring in the New Year. Sometimes it's even fun to take horns that don't belong to us. Then when a real emergency happens we won't have any way to notify people.

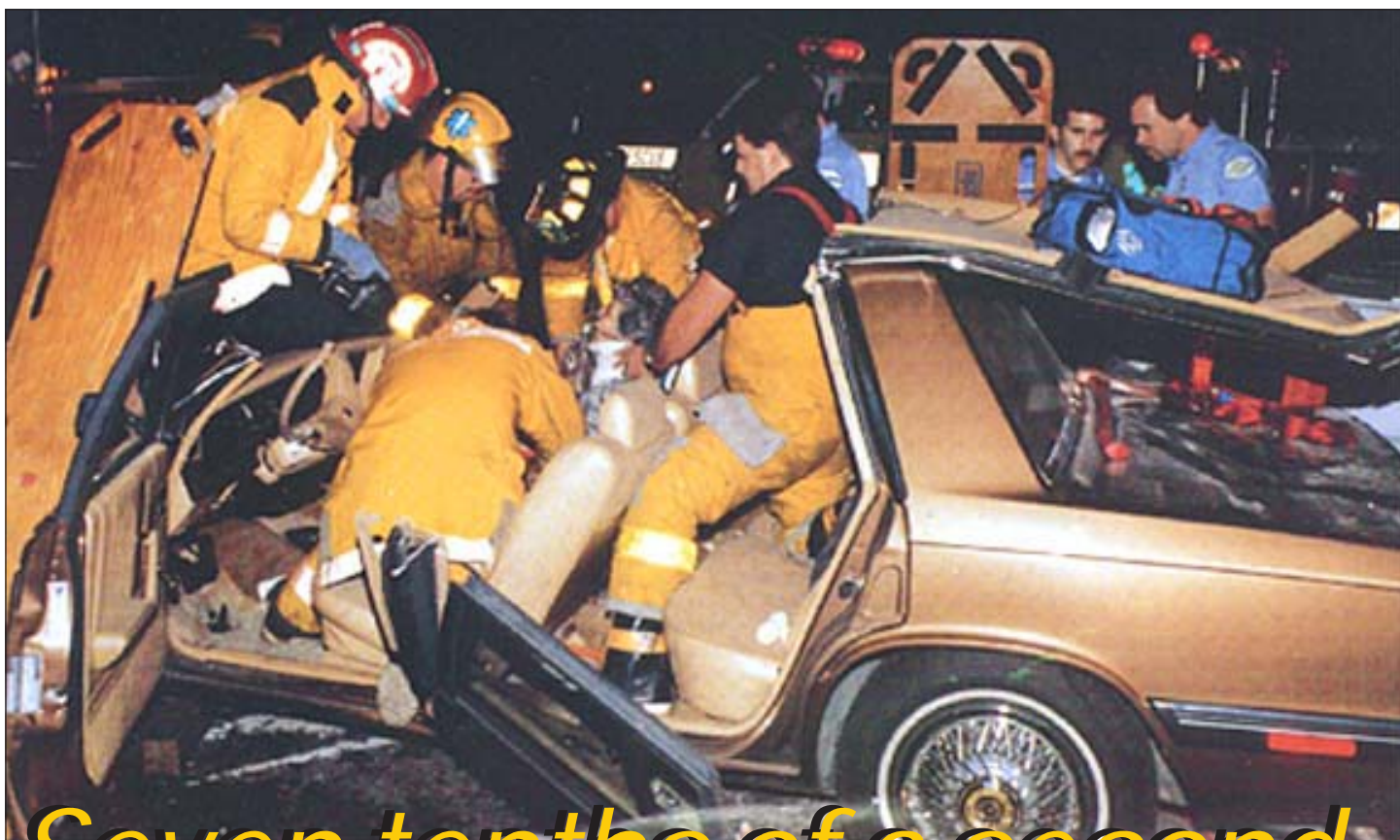


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Seven tenths of a second

By Tech. Sgt. Rusty Schmidt

407th AEG Ground Safety

Traffic mishaps continue to be our number one killer of people in both the nation and the Air Force.

How many times have you heard a law enforcement officer or safety investigator at the scene of an automobile accident say, "If only they had worn their seatbelts ..."

We hear about and talk about statistics on a daily basis and for the most part, statistics provide us a reliable road map on where we need to go.

The same holds true for safety mishaps. Over the years, numerous safety agencies have collected infinite data on traffic mishaps and they have conclusively proved that seatbelts increase an individual's survivability rate by 53 percent.

So what does it take to remember that a few seconds of your time could be the difference between life or death?

Have you ever attempted to visualize what actually occurs when an automobile impacts a solid object head-on at 55 mph and the driver is not wearing their seatbelt?

Upon initial impact, the vehicle begins to

take on a face change that even the best plastic surgeon can't correct.

In the first tenth of a second, the bumper and grill are annihilated. In the second tenth of a second, the front of the vehicle starts buckling, rising and striking the windshield. The front tire wheel wells begin wrapping around the solid object and during this same moment, the rear axle and wheels appear to be magically lifted into the air.

The vehicle frame has come to a full stop, but all of the metal and plastic parts attached to the frame, continue to travel at a velocity of 55 mph.

The driver's first mental instinct is to stretch out his or her legs to brace for the impact, but before they can even react, their body is initially forced under the steering column and their knee joints and lower legs shatter into splinters.

S l o w l y, after three tenths of the first second, the steering wheel begins to crumble as if it were stale bread and the steering column takes on the appearance of a spear and makes initial contact with the driver's chest.

At the four tenth of the second, the first two feet of the vehicle's front has disap-

peared and the rest of the automobile's body is splitting apart while still traveling at a rate of 55 mph.

During the fifth tenth of a second, the spear head of the steering column enters deeply into the driver's chest and their lungs are flooded with blood.

The impact is so severe in the sixth tenth of the second that the driver's feet are viciously removed from the tightly laced shoes and grossly entangled around the brake and clutch pedals.

The vehicle's frame doubles in-half as the head of the driver, strikes the top of the windshield frame and fractures like breaking ice.

The rear wheels of the vehicle are still spinning as they fall from the vehicle.

Finally, seven tenths of a second after initial impact, the axles and doors of the automobile are crumpled like aluminum foil.

Sadly, this really doesn't frighten the driver, nor does he worry about the massive injuries or even the last three tenths of the second -- because in all likelihood, he's already dead from the impact.

Now, are you ready to wear your seatbelt?

407th AEG Warrior of the Week A1C Tiffany Egelston



Unit: 407th AEG Command Post

Home unit: Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Why other warriors say she's a warrior:

Airman Egelston's is known to many people here as the "VOICE" of the giant voice system. Her ability to multi-task is essential for Command Post operations. She provides command and control of systems and procedures, executes quick reaction checklists, and mission flight monitoring aircraft in their assigned area, all while reacting to any emergency, contingency or situation that arises. She is the eyes, ears and mouth piece for the commander. If something happens on Tallil Air Base, she makes sure everyone who needs notification of an event, receives it.

Most memorable Air Force experience: Coming here to Tallil. This is my first deployment and I have met a lot of great people and have had the chance to learn from many experienced people.

Identify This



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? Each week, the "Tallil Times" staff takes a photo from around Tallil AB. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at: tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil. with "Identify This" in the subject block. The winner receives a prize and gets their name printed in the Tallil Times. Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Kevin Dustin for correctly identifying the photo in last week's newspaper of the dust mop.

Wild Iraqi Safari

Praying mantis



This praying mantis hides among the rocks and dust.



A praying mantis whose green color provides better camouflage in plants.

There are some 2,000 species of praying mantis worldwide. We've found three species here at Tallil. One looks familiar; the other two, however, are quite different in appearance.

Behavior: Praying mantises are sit-and-wait predators. Typically, they wait in a location where their cryptic coloration makes them difficult to detect. The two unusual mantises we've seen here clearly hide in different habitats. One is a dusty brown color and we found it lurking in a wide open patch of dirt. The other, green with distinctive white spots, is camouflaged for a life in plants.

To get a meal, the mantises wait for prey to pass within reach then "snatch them up" with large raptorial legs. The legs are well equipped for capturing and holding their prey ... each folds together like a pocket knife and is equipped with serrations and spines to impale and hold the captured prey. After the mantis captures its prey, it uses its pincher-like jaws to devour its meal. It usually starts eating at the neck and works toward the body. Mantises primarily eat insects but will eat anything they can hold on to.

Did you Know? Some mantis can detect the radar-type clicks bats use when hunting with echolocation. If the mantis detects the bat's clicks, it drops into a spiral dive to avoid being captured by the bat.

Column courtesy of John Ploch, Vector Control, KBR contractor and Lt. Col John Putnam, 407th Leishmaniasis Surveillance and Investigation Team.

OUT AND ABOUT



Worship services

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

Sunday
8 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass
9:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant service
10 a.m. LDS service at the Army's Religious Activity Center
11 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass
12:30 p.m. Air Force/Army Gospel service in the Big Top
6 p.m. Contemporary choir rehearsal
7 p.m. Contemporary worship service

Monday
6:30 p.m. Gospel service prayer time in the chapel resource trailer
6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass
7 p.m. Experiencing God Bible Study in the Chapel Annex
7:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal in the Big Top

Tuesday
7 p.m. Right of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Conference Room
7:15 p.m. Christian Leadership Bible study
8 p.m. Christian Discipleship Study. Call Marine Staff Sgt. Ross Hrynewych at 459-0761 for details.

Wednesday
5 p.m. Catholic Choir rehearsal
6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass
7:30 p.m. Protestant Choir rehearsal
8 p.m. Purpose Driven Life Study in the chapel annex

Thursday
6:30 p.m. Catholic choir rehearsal
7 p.m. Right of Christian Initiation of Adults in the Conference Room
7 p.m. LDS study in the Army Religious Activity Center
7:45 p.m. Gospel service Bible study

Friday
11:45 a.m. Islamic prayer at the RAC, call 833-1154 for info
6 p.m. Roman Catholic Mass
7:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal

Saturday
6 p.m. Vigil Mass
7 p.m. Contemporary choir rehearsal



ESVS Presents Just for fun

Tonight, Christmas Eve
 Ecumenical Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Spades at 8 p.m.

Sunday, PS2 gaming -
 ESPN NFL/2k5 at 2 p.m.

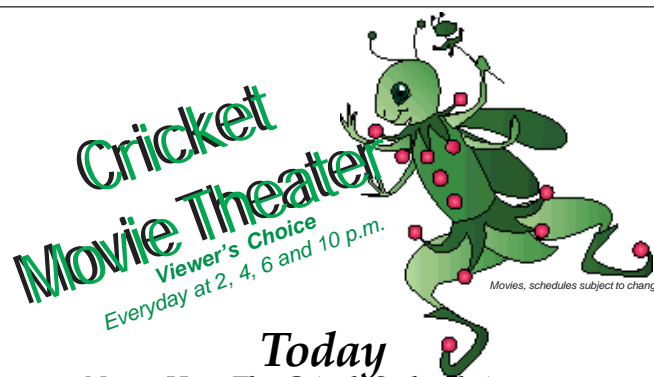
Monday, Foosball
 at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 301
 Darts at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Spades, 8 p.m.
 Rummy at midnight

Thursday,
 Combat Bingo
 at 7:30 p.m.

December 31,
 Tallil Idol 3
 at 7:30 p.m. in
 Big Top



Today
 Noon, How The Grinch Stole Christmas
 8 p.m., The Santa Clause
 Midnight, The Santa Clause

Saturday
 10 a.m., How the Grinch Stole Christmas
 Noon, The Santa Clause
 2 p.m., The Santa Clause 2
 4 p.m., A Christmas Story
 6 p.m., Christmas Vacation
 8 p.m., The Grinch (Jim Carrey)
 10 p.m., Jingle All The Way
 Midnight, The Grinch (Jim Carrey)

Sunday
 Noon, Thunderbirds
 8 p.m., The Bourne Supremacy
 Midnight, The Bourne Supremacy

Monday
 Noon, Sideways
 8 p.m., Harry Potter 3
 Midnight, Harry Potter 3

Tuesday
 Noon, Catwoman
 8 p.m., Johnson Family Vacation
 Midnight, Johnson Family Vacation

Wednesday
 Noon, Hero
 8 p.m., Exorcist: The Beginning
 Midnight, Exorcist: The Beginning

Thursday
 Noon, The Bourne Supremacy
 8 p.m., Thunderbirds
 Midnight, Thunderbirds

Dec. 31st
 Noon, Harry Potter 3
 8 p.m., Sideways
 Midnight, Sideways



Marine Memorial Run



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria J. Bare

1st Lt. Jason Coker, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron signs up for the Corporal Shane Kielion Memorial Run held Saturday. The event, sponsored by the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron and the Marine VMAQ2 flying squadron raised more than \$1,500 in support of a fallen Marine and the family he left behind in the States. The 407th ESVS has also placed a collection box for donations at the Hot Spot.

CE tops dodgeball standings

By Master Sgt. Don Perrien

407th AEG Public Affairs

The 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron may have built a secret dodgeball practice facility somewhere on Tallil Air Base.

How else to explain the squadron's total domination of the intramural dodgeball league this season?

The four teams fielded by the Civil Engineers have an aggregate record of 17-4 and hold the top three spots in the league standings and four of the top six records overall, led by the Fire Department's perfect 5-0 record.

"Our great success in dodgeball comes from watching the movie *Dodgeball*," said Firefighter Arthur Curchone. "We always remember what the great Patches O'Houlihan said in the movie: 'Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge.'"

Makeup games are scheduled for Tuesday and the championship tournament is scheduled for Wednesday.

Today, Strongman Contest at 6 p.m., Spinning at 8 p.m.
Karate, Kenpo/Aikido, 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, 4-on-4 B-Ball at 9 a.m., 5/10K run at 11 a.m., Tug-of-War at 1 p.m., Horseshoes at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Open Gym

Monday, Spinning at 8 p.m., Karate, Kenpo/Aikido, 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dodgeball, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dodgeball Playoffs at 6 p.m., Spinning at 8 p.m.
Karate, Kenpo/Aikido, 10.15 p.m.

Thursday, Push Up Contest, 6 p.m.

Dec 31, Spinning 8 p.m.

Muscle Beach Events



Intramural Dodgeball Standings

(As of December 15th)

FD	5	0
ECES 4	5	1
ECES 1	4	1
ESFS	4	1
AEG	3	1
ECES 3	4	2
ECS 1	3	3
ELRS	2	3
EMEDS 1	2	3
ESVS	1	4
ECS 3	1	5

